

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Marchosky
Serial No. Not yet assigned
Filed Herewith
Confirmation No. Not yet assigned
For COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND STRENGTHENING BONE
Examiner Not yet assigned

February 7, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-17, 19-31, 33-49, 51-53, and 61-64.

REMARKS

The Application referenced above is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/606,768 entitled "Compositions and Methods for Forming and Strengthening Bone," filed June 29, 2000, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/141,386 filed on June 29, 1999. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/377,283 filed March 30, 1999, which claims the benefit of and is a complete application based upon U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/135,095, which was converted from a non-provisional application Serial No. 09/050,498 filed March 30, 1998, now abandoned.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-4, 18, 32, 50 and 56-60.

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Respectfully submitted,

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